ADVERTISEMENT

WHEREAS His Sacred MAJESTY, by His Patent, hath conſtituted Sir *Robert Sibbald*, one of His *Phyſicians* in Ordinary, His *Geographer* for His Kingdom of SCOTLAND, and Commandeth and Ordaineth him to publiſh the Deſcription of the *Scotia Antiqua, & Scotia Moderna*, and the Natural Hiſtory of the Products of His *Ancient Kingdom* of SCOTLAND: Theſe are earneſtly to entreat all perſons, that they would be pleaſed freely to communicate their *Anſwers* to theſe following *Queries*, or any of them, Directing them to the ſaid Sir *Robert Sibbald* at his Lodging at *Edinburgh*, or to Maſter *James Broun* at his houſe in *Harts-cloſs*, who is Deputed by the ſaid Sir *Robert Sibbald*, to receive and Regiſtrate them; or to *Robert Mean, Poſt-maſter* at *Edinburgh*, to be ſent to any of them: Withall ſpecifying in their Letters, the place of their Habitation, that they may be again Written to, if Occaſion require; And an Honourable Mention ſhall be made of them in the Work, according to the Importance of the Information.

General Queries, to which Anſwers are deſired.

I. What the Nature of the County or place is? And what are the chief products thereof?

II. What Plants, Animals, Mettals, Subſtances caſt up by the Sea, are peculiar to the place, and how Ordered?

III. What Forreſts, Woods, Parks? What Springs, Rivers, Loughs? With their various properties, whether Medicinal? With what Fiſh repleniſhed, whether rapid or ſlow? &c. The riſe of the *Rivers*, and their Emboucheurs?

IV. What Roads, Bayes, Ports for shipping, and their Deſcription? And what *Moon* cauſeth High-water? What Rocks, and sholes on their Coaſt?

V. What Ancient Monuments, Inſcriptions, graved and figured Stones; Forts and ancient Camps? And what Curioſities of Art have hitherto been found there?

VI. What great Battels have been there fought, Or any other Memorable Action or Accident?

VII. What peculiar Cuſtoms, Manners or Diſpoſitions the Inhabitants of each County or Town have among them?

VIII. What Monaſteries, Cathedrals, or other Churches have been there, and how named?

IX. What places give, or formerly have given the Title to any Noble-man? As alſo, what ancient Seats of Noble-Families are to be met with?

X. What the Government of the County is? whether Sheriffdom, Stewartry, or Baillery?

XI. What Towns of Note in the County, eſpecially Towns Corporate? The Names of the Towns both Ancient and Modern? Whether they be Burrows Royal, of Regality or Barony? The Magiſtracy of Towns Corporated, when Incorporated? And by whom built? With the Return of Parliament-Men? The Trade of the Town; How inhabited, and their manner of Buildings? What Publick or Ancient Buildings? Their Juriſdiction? *&c.*

XII. In what Biſhoprick each County or any part thereof is? Who is Sheriff, Stewart or Baily? And who commands the *Militia*? What Caſtles, Forts, Forreſts, Parks, Woods, His MAJESTIE hath there? *&c.*

To the NOBILITY.

What Sheriffdomes, Bailliries, Stewartries, Regalities, Baronies and Burrows they have under them? What Command of the *Militia*? What ſpecial Priviledge, Dignity and Heritable Command they have? The Riſe of their Family, Continuance, and their Branches? What Forreſts, Woods, Parks, Loughs, Rivers, Mines, and Quarries they have? What Fiſhing? *&c.* What Harbours they have? What their Titles are? What Memorable Actions raiſed or Aggrandized their Family? *&c.*

To the CLERGY.

What their Priviledges and Dignities are? Their Erection? The Bounds of their Dioceſe? Their Chapter? The number of their Pariſhes in their Dioceſe? Their Juriſdiction, their Foundations for publick and pious Uſes, their Re[illegible] what Lands hold of them? Their Houſes? *&c.*

To the GENTRY.

What the Riſe of their Family, their Priviledge and Dignity? What Baronies and Burrows under them? What Harbours, what Forreſts, Woods, Parks? Their Houſes, the Deſcription and Names of them? The Chief of the Name and the Branches? The Memorable Exploits done by them, and the Eminent Men of the Name? Their Heritable Command and Juriſdiction? *&c.*

To the Royal BURROWS.

Of what Standing? The Conſtitution of their Government? their Priviledges, Juriſdiction and its Extent? Their publick Houſes, Churches, Forts, Monuments, Univerſities, Colledges, Schools, Hoſpitals, Manufactures, Harbours? What their Latitude and Longitude is? *&c.*

To the UNIVERSITIES.

What Standing they are of? Their priviledges, Juriſdiction and its Extent, their Conſtitution? The Number of their Profeſſors, their Names, what they teach? Their Salaries, Foundations, and their Founders? Their Revenue and Dependencies? Their Houſes, Churches and Chappels, Ædifices and Monuments? Their Libraries, Cutious Inſtruments? The account of the famous Men bred there, or Maſters there? What are the Obſervations of the Maſters or Students, that may be for the Embelliſhment of this Work?

The Anſwers to theſe preceeding Queries are to be Regiſtrate, and to be Inſert in their proper places.

The Anſwers to theſe Queries is earneſtly deſired that no perſon may complain, if what concerns them be not inſert: For the Author is reſolved to inſert all that he is aſſured of the Truth, and certainty of, as Informed.

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